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SUBJ: SPACELAB AGREEMENT SIGNING

REF: LONDON 9088, BRUSSELS 4523

1. VAN EESBEEK, OF ESC PRESIDENT HANIN'S STAFF, TELLS US
THAT GOB EXPECTS TO SIGN SPACELAB GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON
AUG. 14, ALTHOUGH FORMAL AUTHORIZATION TO DO SO STILL NOT OBTAINED. GOB REP WILL SIGN WITH RESERVATION AS TO AGREEMENT'S
PROVISIONAL ENTRY INTO APPLICATION PENDING RATIFICATION; THIS
RESERVATION WILL RELATE TO AVAILABILITY OF BUDGETARY CREDITS TO
COVER BELGIAN CONTRIBUTION AND IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY
BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE OBJECTION TO COMMITMENT OF FUNDS WITHOUT
PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL. GOB WILL, OF COURSE, ALSO RESERVE
PENDING OFFICIAL AFFIRMATION ON ITALIAN, DUTCH AND SWEDISH
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COMMITMENTS TO ESC PROJECTS BY SEPT. 24. VAN EESBEEK

UNWILLING TO SPECULATE ON CHANCES FOR ITALIAN OFFICIAL COMMITMENT, AND NOTED DANGER OF APPLYING TOO MUCH PRESSURE ON GOI.

2. VAN EESBEEK REPORTED THAT DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY (ESA) EXISTS BUT HAS NOT YET BEEN ACCEPTED BY ESC GOVERNMENTS. HE SAID THAT, AS REPORTED BY LONDON, BRITISH WANT AGREEMENT ON ALL MAJOR POINTS BEFORE SPACELAB AGREEMENT IS SIGNED. MEETINGS ON THIS AND OTHER SUBJECTS ARE TO BE HELD ON SEPT. 5, 17 AND 20 (PLENARY IN BRUSSELS), AND VAN EESBEEK SEEMS CONFIDENT THAT AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED.CROWLEY

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